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BAND OPTICAL TRANSMITTER

CLAIM FOR PRIORITY

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Sir:

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Under the provisions of 35 USC §119 AND 37 CFR § 1.55, Applicants hereby claim the right of priority based on Patent Application No. 2002-43099 filed in <u>Japan</u> on February 20, 2002.

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